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**ATTORNEY GENERAL COPY: CONTAINS OFFICIAL  
INFORMATION PER EVIDENCE CODE SECTION 1040  
NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF  
CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §25249.5 ET SEQ.**

January 6, 2003

Dear Public Enforcement Agencies:

As You Sow is a non-profit foundation organized under the State of California's Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation Law. As You Sow is dedicated to, among other causes, the protection of the environment, the promotion of human health, the improvement of worker and consumer safety, and environmental education.

As You Sow has documented violations of California's Safe Drinking Water & Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 ("Proposition 65"), codified at Health & Safety Code §25249.5 *et seq.* This letter serves to provide As You Sow's notification of these violations to the public enforcement agencies and to the violator. Pursuant to §25249.7(d) of the statute, As You Sow intends to bring an enforcement action sixty (60) days after effective service of this notice unless the public enforcement agencies have commenced and are diligently prosecuting an action to rectify these violations. A summary of the statute and its implementing regulations, which was prepared by the lead agency designated under the statute, is enclosed with the copy of this notice served upon the violator. The specific details of the violations that are the subject of this notice are provided below.

The noticing party is As You Sow. The name of the violator covered by this notice is **J. W. D'ANGELO COMPANY, INC.** ("D'Angelo"). These violations involve discharges of, and exposures to, lead and lead compounds from a variety of products manufactured, distributed and/or sold by D'Angelo as described more fully below.

These products are specifically copper alloy (both bronze and brass) curb stops (or curb valves), meter stops (or meter valves or service valves), main stops, corporation stops, tail pieces, couplings, compression tees (or service tees), and elbows that come into contact with drinking water in drinking water distribution systems, including but not limited to the products listed in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Products"). The copper alloys used in these products contain high levels of **lead and lead compounds** that are discharged to sources of drinking water.

On February 27, 1987, the State of California officially listed lead as a chemical known to cause reproductive toxicity (Title 22 California Code of Regulations §12000, *et seq.*). On October 1, 1992, the State of California officially listed lead and lead compounds as chemicals known to cause cancer (Title 22 California Code of Regulations §12000, *et seq.*).

Curb stops (or curb valves) are valves used to open and/or close the water flow, often at the curb, near the water meter. These are typically accessed by the public water supplier to regulate the flow of water to an individual building. Meter stops (or meter valves or service valves) are valves used to open and close the water flow immediate upstream of a water meter. Main stops and corporation stops are

valves used to open and close the flow of water, typically at a point adjacent to the water main. Tail pieces are used to connect the water meter and/or curb stop to the supply line to a building. Couplings are used to connect two sections of drinking water supply lines. Compression tees (or service tees) are a "T" shaped device used to split the flow of water into two directions. Elbows are used to alter the direction of the flow of water.

**Discharge into a source of drinking water.** D'Angelo is knowingly and intentionally discharging or releasing lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity, into a source of drinking water, in violation of Health & Safety Code §25249.5. The discharges and releases occur from the leaching of lead and lead compounds from the Products into all sources of drinking water, including residential and commercial tap water, that come into contact with the Products.

**Exposure without a clear and reasonable warning.** In violation of Health & Safety Code §25249.6, D'Angelo is knowingly and intentionally exposing individuals in the State of California to lead and lead compounds without providing a clear and reasonable warning. These toxic exposures have occurred and continue to occur primarily through ingestion of drinking water but also through dermal contact and inhalation exposure to water. A Certificate of Merit in support of these violations is being served concurrently on the Attorney General for the State of California. (Title 11 C.C.R. §3100 *et seq.*)

**Individuals exposed.** Persons consuming or using drinking water that has passed through or otherwise come into contact with the Products as described above.

**Duration of violations.** These ongoing violations of the statute have occurred every day since at least January 6, 1999, and will continue every day until clear and reasonable warnings are provided and until the ongoing discharges to sources of drinking water are terminated. Under Proposition 65, each discharge or release and exposure constitutes a separate violation. Health & Safety Code §25249.7(b). The maximum civil penalty for each such violation is \$2,500. *Id.* These same facts constitute a violation of Business and Professions Code §17200 *et seq.*

In keeping with its public interest mission and to expeditiously rectify these ongoing violations of California law, As You Sow is interested in seeking a constructive resolution of this matter without engaging in costly and protracted litigation. Please direct all communications regarding this notice to As You Sow's counsel in this matter:

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## EXHIBIT A

Product ID    Product Description

### A. Y. McDonald Manufacturing Co.

3131B	Ball Valve Corporation Stop	3/4" MIP x MIP Main Stop
6101	Ball Style Curb Stop	3/4" FIP x FIP Ball Valve Curb Stop
6101W	Ball Style Curb Stop	3/4" FIP x FIP F/Port Straight Meter Valve w/Lockwing
4779M-22	Elbow	3/4" Comp x MIP Elbow Coupling
4754-22	Straight Coupling	3/4" Comp x FIP Coupling
4760-22	Service Tee	3/4" x 3/4" Comp Tee
6100-22	Ball Style Curb Stop	3/4" Comp x Comp Ball Valve Curb Stop

### The Ford Meter Box Co., Inc.

B11-333W	Ball Valve Curb Stop	3/4" FIP x FIP F/Port Straight Meter Valve w/Lockwing
L84-33	Pack Joint Coupling	3/4" Comp x MIP Elbow Coupling
C14-33	Pack Joint Coupling	3/4" Comp x FIP Coupling
T444-333	Pack Joint Tee	3/4" x 3/4" Comp Tee
B11-777	Ball Valve Curb Stop	2" FIP x FIP Ball Valve w/Handle
BA13-444W	Angle Ball Meter Valve	1" FIP x Meter Nut F/Port Angle Meter Valve
B11-333	Ball Valve Curb Stop	3/4" FIP x FIP Ball Valve Curb Stop
FB500-3	Ballcorp Corporation Stop	3/4" MIP x MIP Main Stop
B44-333	Ball Valve Curb Stop	3/4" FIP x Comp Ball Valve Curb Stop

### James Jones Company

J-1900	Ball Valve Curb Stop	3/4" FIP x FIP F/Port Straight
J-1900	Ball Valve Curb Stop	3/4" FIP x FIP Ball Valve w/Handle
J-1900	Ball Valve Curb Stop	2" FIP X FIP Ball Valve w/Handle
J-1943	Corporation Stop	3/4" MIP x MIP Main Stop
J-1949	Ball Valve Curb Stop	3/4" Comp x Comp Ball Valve Curb Stop
J-2607	Compression Connection	3/4" Comp x FIP Coupling
J-2617	Compression Connection	3/4" x 3/4" Comp Tee
J-2619	Compression Connection	3/4" Comp x MIP Elbow Coupling

### Mueller Co.

H-15071	Straight Coupling	3/4" Comp x MIP Elbow Coupling
H-15381	Service Tee	3/4" x 3/4" Comp Tee
H-15531	Quarter Bend Coupling	3/4" Comp x MIP Elbow Coupling
B-20013	Ball Corporation Stop	3/4" MIP x MIP Main Stop
B-20200	Ball Straight Service Valve	3/4" FIP x FIP F/Port Straight Meter Valve w/Lockwing
B-20283	Ball Curb Valve	2" FIP x FIP Ball Valve with Handle
B-24265	Ball Angle Meter Valve	1" FIP x Meter Nut F/Port Meter Valve
P-25170	Ball Straight Service Valve	3/4" FIP x Comp B/V Curb Stop

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**CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**  
**(for As You Sow's Notice of Proposition 65 Violation  
on J. W. D'ANGELO COMPANY, INC.)**

I, Andrew L. Packard, declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged that **J. W. D'ANGELO COMPANY, INC.** has violated Health & Safety Code §25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.

2. I am an attorney for the noticing party.

3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemicals that are the subject of the action.

4. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and that the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.

5. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code §25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: January 5, 2008

**Attachments (for Attorney General Copy only)**

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; my business address is: 311 California Street, Suite 510, San Francisco, California 94104.

On January 6, 2003, I served the following documents:

- **Notice of Violation of California Health & Safety Code §25249.5 et seq., including Exhibit A**
- **Certificate of Merit**
- **“The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary”**

on the following party by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below, and depositing it at a United States Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

**J. W. D’Angelo Company, Inc.**  
**John W. D’Angelo, CEO**  
**P.O. Box 3744**  
**La Habra, CA 90632**

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- **Certificate of Merit (“Attorney General Copy”)**

on the following party by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to the party listed below, and depositing it at a United States Postal Service Office for delivery by Certified Mail:

**Attn: Craig Thompson, Deputy Attorney General**  
**California Department of Justice**  
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on each of the parties on the service list attached hereto by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope, addressed to each of the parties on the service list attached hereto, and depositing it at United States Postal Service mail box for delivery by First Class Mail.

Executed on January 6, 2003, at San Francisco, California. #

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